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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 18, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application. By virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the prescribed fees, this response is timely filed on or before December 18, 2008. This response is part of the Request for Continued Examination submission.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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